

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 27, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

**Excused Absence:** Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant permission to the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Scott Stravrakas and Mr. T.J. Templeton represented IVAC. Mr. Stravrakas gave the council an update on the direction IVAC has taken, which focuses more on a regional approach. An update was given on various projects in the area. Mr. Templeton explained that a steering committee has been established to form a Regional Economic Development group and more information will be forthcoming.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the requests of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 2nd and Chartres Street and 637 Chartres Street to replace pole and at 321 4th Street to remove gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve the request from La Salle Little League to change its previously approved Tag Day from April 10 & 11, 2015 to May 8 & 9, 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the requests for 2015 Raffle Licenses to La Salle VFW 4668 and Starved Rock Area Special Olympics. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the request from La Salle Boys Baseball and La Salle Girls Softball to hold their annual players parade on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 10, 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Jaime Farley, owner of Boss Vapes located at 814 First Street requested a 15 Minute parking sign in front of her business. The council determined that Ordinance 1914, passed in 2005 authorized a sign at the premises. Since the ordinance had not been repealed, a sign will be installed as soon as possible.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for December 2014 showing total fees collected of \$663.00 and total value of construction of \$191,780. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for December 2014 totaling \$8,386.34. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for October 2014 of \$76,974.85 and referendum approved sales tax of \$32,977.81 for a total of \$109,952.66.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove acknowledged a thank you note and cookies from Trinity Catholic Academy sent to show appreciation to City Officials and Departments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve, pay and place on file Pay Application No. 3 from John Pohar and Sons for Rotary Park Phase II totaling \$90,115.58. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney McPhedran explained that some questions have been raised concerning the types of equipment and trucks and trailers allowed to be stored in the city's current M-1 Zoning. It has always been understood that in this zoning district, trucks are allowed; however, he recommends that these certain uses are permitted. He recommended that this issue be referred to the Planning Commission for further clarification of the Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the consideration and potential amendment to the Zoning Ordinance clarifying certain uses in M-1 Zoning Districts to the Planning Commission.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Uranich explained that due to cars parking on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Chartres to Peru Street, it is difficult for busses to get through. Currently there is one no parking sign; however, it is faded. He suggested the sign be replaced and an additional sign added closer to

Peru Street. Because this is a safety issue Attorney McPhedran indicated the council could take action without this being referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to make the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Chartres to Peru Street no parking.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Chris Covert explained that there are several issues within the current Fence Ordinance that he feels need to be changed or clarified. Attorney McPhedran agreed that further study of the ordinance is warranted. Discussion followed and the council agreed and asked that Attorney McPhedran, Chris Covert and Brian Brown review the ordinance and return to the council with recommendations for possible amendments.

Chris Covert also suggested parts of the current subdivision ordinance that he feels needs revision. Attorney McPhedran, Chris Covert and Brian Brown will review this ordinance and make recommendations to the council at a future date as to what, if any, action could be taken.

Alderman Reynolds informed the council that he has received some complaints regarding snow removal on sidewalks in the downtown area. Some business owners/landlords are not clearing sidewalks forcing shoppers to walk into the streets. Discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to refer the issue of snow removal on sidewalks to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for further review.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider

NAY: Alderman Bacidore, Alderman Duncan Absent: Alderman Ptak, Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 4-2** The Mayor voted Nay.

Alderman Bacidore indicated there will be a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2542:** an ordinance Affirming and Authorizing Financing Regarding Rotary Park Development. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

**Ordinance 2542—an Ordinance Affirming and Authorizing Financing Regarding Rotary Park Development.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2543:** an ordinance further Authorizing Purchase of Fire Truck, Financing and Related Matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

**Ordinance 2543- an ordinance further Authorizing Purchase of Fire Truck, Financing and Related Matter.**

The council chose not to take action at this meeting regarding the Ordinance Adopting the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code with amendments.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2544**: an ordinance Further Regulating Parking (East Side of 200 Block of Crosat Street). Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

**Ordinance 2544- Further Regulating Parking (East Side of 200 Block of Crosat Street).**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve and place on file **Resolution 201501** to petition IDOT for temporary closure of portions of a State Highway for a Players Parade at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2015 with a rain date of Sunday, May 10, 2015.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

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#### **COMMENTS**

Alderman Bacidore inquired there are any plans to name a road after John Pohar for his contributions to the city. The Mayor indicated it is something we can review.

Mayor Grove recognized the City Hall staff for holding a clean-up week in the office. He also thanked Public Works for their efforts during the winter season keeping the streets clear and safe. There were no comments from the public.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that bills submitted totaling \$685,781.05 (Total Payroll \$181,132.28, Bills to be Paid \$152,806.34, Total Bills Paid \$351,842.33) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Mayor Grove reminded the public that February 20, 2015 is a wine and beer tasting event with proceeds benefiting La Salle Rotary Park.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.  
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 7:57 p.m.**



Carrie Brown, City Clerk